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Highlights

- Wage rates for all workers in the United States during the April 8-14, 2007, period increased 39 cents per hour from the same period a year earlier.
- Hired workers in Hawaii received the highest wage rate during the April 8-14, 2007, period with an average of \$12.85 per hour. Wage rates were the lowest for hired workers in the Delta region during this same period at \$8.80 per hour.
- Washington County produced more running bales during 2006 than any other County in Mississippi and ranked number 18 among all counties in the United States.

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States, April 8-14, 2007, with comparisons ¹

Farm Employment	April 9-15, 2006	January 7-13, 2007 ²	April 8-14, 2007
	1,000		
Hired Workers	720		720
150 Days or More	581		580
149 Days or Less	139		140
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	241		241
Hired Farm & Service Workers	961		961
	Hourly Per Week	Hourly Per Week	Hourly Per Week
Hours Worked			
Hired	40.8		40.6
	Dollars Per Hour	Dollars Per Hour	Dollars Per Hour
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers ^{3 4}	9.78		10.17
Type or Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	9.06		9.41
Field	8.95		9.35
Livestock	9.31		9.55

¹ Excludes Alaska.

² The January 2007 Farm Labor Survey was not conducted.

³ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

⁴ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,
by Selected Regions and United States, April 9-15, 2006 and April 8-14, 2007 ¹**

United States and Region	Type of Worker						Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock Combined			
	Apr 9-15, 2006	Apr 8-14, 2007	Apr 9-15, 2006	Apr 8-14, 2007	Apr 9-15, 2006	Apr 8-14, 2007	Apr 9-15, 2006	Apr 8-14, 2007
Dollars Per Hour								
Northeast II	10.54	10.34	8.80	8.56	10.10	9.80	10.75	10.55
Appalachian I	8.84	8.46	8.34	9.22	8.70	8.75	9.48	9.32
Appalachian II	8.20	8.64	7.75	9.07	8.00	8.81	8.85	9.77
Southeast	8.49	8.00	8.68	9.04	8.55	8.20	9.19	8.83
Florida	8.37	9.20	8.50	9.00	8.39	9.17	9.19	10.01
Cornbelt I	10.18	9.86	9.59	9.16	10.00	9.45	10.47	10.17
Delta	7.64	8.54	8.15	8.00	7.75	8.40	8.00	8.80
Southern Plains	8.24	8.35	9.06	9.41	8.64	8.80	9.37	9.22
Mountain II	8.39	9.16	8.98	9.75	8.65	9.45	9.08	9.97
Pacific	9.24	9.39	10.13	9.70	9.45	9.45	10.10	10.24
California	8.93	9.62	10.80	10.90	9.21	9.80	10.18	10.63
Hawaii ²	9.79	10.60			9.93	10.77	11.96	12.85
United States ³	8.95	9.35	9.31	9.55	9.06	9.41	9.78	10.17

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Insufficient data for livestock.

³ Excludes Alaska.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected Regions
and United States, April 9-15, 2006 and April 8-14, 2007 ¹**

United States and Region	Hired							
	Number of Workers		Expected to be Employed				Number of Hours Worked	
			150 Days or More ²		149 Days or Less ²			
	Apr 9-15, 2006	Apr 8-14, 2007	Apr 9-15, 2006	Apr 8-14, 2007	Apr 9-15, 2006	Apr 8-14, 2007	Apr 9-15, 2006	Apr 8-14, 2007
1,000				Hourly Per Week				
Appalachian I	34	20	27	16	7	4	39.9	36.5
Appalachian II	29	22	20	14	9	8	37.3	33.8
Southeast	31	33	24	25	7	8	36.5	37.4
Florida	52	55	44	46	8	9	40.4	39.2
Delta	34	31	26	24	8	7	40.6	38.0
Southern Plains	55	50	42	38	13	12	39.2	37.9
United States ²	720	720	581	580	139	140	40.8	40.6

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Excludes Alaska.

Region: Northeast II – DE, MD, NJ, PA; Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Southeast – AL, GA, SC; Cornbelt I – IL, IN, OH; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Southern Plains – OK, TX; Mountain II – CO, NV, UT; Pacific – OR, WA.

United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, April 2006-2007

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,939	2,623	1.65	1.75	152	139
Fillets ¹	5,073	3,929	2.98	3.28	352	254
Other ²	987	837	1.75	1.82	99	60
Total Fresh	8,999	7,389	2.41	2.57	603	453
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,209	933	2.14	2.23	946	907
Fillets ¹	9,976	7,682	2.85	3.09	4,330	11,827
Other ²	3,866	3,197	1.65	1.52	2,617	3,454
Total Frozen	15,051	11,812	2.48	2.60	7,893	16,188
Total Fresh & Frozen	24,050	19,201	2.46	2.59	8,496	16,641

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

² Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, 2006-2007

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound ¹	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2006	2007
	2006	2007	2006	2007		
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars	
January	50,703	46,957	50,703	46,957	.727	.838
February	49,145	44,439	99,848	91,396	.729	.838
March	56,315	44,397	156,163	135,793	.745	.838
April	43,126	37,904	199,289	173,697	.785	.841
May	42,865		242,154		.796	
June	41,214		283,368		.807	
July	45,528		328,896		.812	
August	51,736		380,632		.811	
September	47,296		427,928		.832	
October	50,788		478,716		.836	
November	45,680		524,396		.837	
December	41,735		566,131		.838	

¹ Quantity processed by major processors and the prices received for fish delivered to the processing plant's door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

Farm-Raised Catfish: Imports and Exports, United States, 2006-2007

Month	Imports ¹				Exports ¹			
	Ictalurus spp.		Total ²		Fresh		Frozen	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
1,000 Pounds								
January	415	4,381	2,644	12,056	73.5	69.7	34.3	0.0
February	417	3,030	2,491	7,582	63.7	69.1	15.3	29.9
March	388	2,101	3,267	6,430	78.8	252.8	8.6	14.3
April	403		3,119		68.4		21.2	
May	356		3,306		58.3		19.0	
June	909		4,424		49.7		12.5	
July	547		5,232		83.0		36.7	
August	819		8,991		106.6		15.2	
September	391		9,091		73.6		10.5	
October	1,406		10,672		56.4		11.8	
November	2,399		12,830		40.1		23.5	
December	3,421		8,897		79.3		4.9	

¹ Data furnished by the U.S. Census Bureau.

² Includes freshwater imports for consumption of Ictalurus spp., Pangasius spp., and other catfish of the order Siluriformes.

Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Foodsize Fish,
Mississippi and United States, 2006-2007

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2006	2007		2006	2007	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	1,169	1,033	88	5,103	4,488	88
February	773	2,126	275	3,970	6,038	152
March	7,980	16,944	212	20,048	38,718	193
April	24,335	19,217	79	52,246	40,998	78
May	37,972			80,433		
June	54,484			112,326		
July	61,063			124,208		
August	67,741			139,191		
September	55,565			112,525		
October	25,533			54,011		
November	5,824			16,948		
December	1,177			5,829		

Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, May 1, 2006-2007

Region	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,088	12,258	101	4,945	6,250	126
East North Central	9,444	11,084	117	7,788	6,904	89
West North Central	30,513	30,083	99	9,156	9,247	101
South Atlantic	243,421	254,384	105	4,935	4,630	94
South Central	336,757	345,687	103	6,081	5,015	82
West	26,131	26,476	101	4,611	4,802	104
United States	658,354	679,972	103	37,516	36,848	98

April Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	All Layers on Hand ¹		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	8,917	8,623	34	27	129	135
Arkansas	14,558	14,439	99	102	173	176
Florida	11,111	10,315	240	219	8	10
Georgia	19,836	19,593	219	218	180	182
Mississippi	6,494	6,515	39	36	89	88
North Carolina	11,060	12,075	83	101	137	139
South Carolina	5,103	4,851	85	73	19	22
Virginia	3,337	3,252	34	32	34	33
United States	348,643	343,825	6,468	6,341	1,075	1,093

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in US totals.

April Broiler-type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	During April			January-April		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	113,390	112,044	99	449,753	439,464	98
Arkansas	101,148	100,668	100	414,169	397,488	96
Florida	4,897	4,990	102	19,496	19,565	100
Georgia	122,591	126,528	103	485,707	498,040	103
Mississippi	66,936	69,012	103	266,344	269,220	101
North Carolina	65,635	70,018	107	266,401	272,159	102
South Carolina	18,264	18,814	103	73,389	76,043	104
Virginia	23,616	23,119	98	92,250	89,480	97
United States	787,457	800,524	102	3,143,525	3,132,075	100

Mississippi Number of Active Gins, Average Bale Weight, and Rank by
County in US, Crop Years 2005-2006

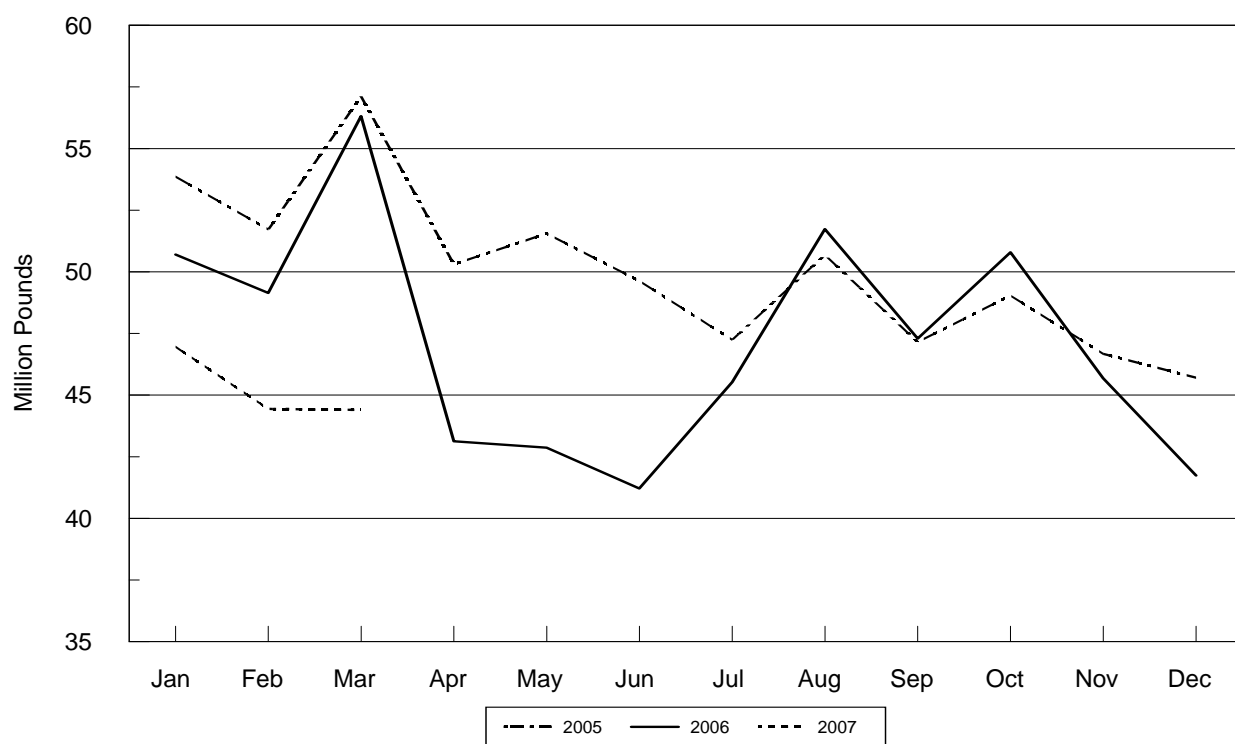
County and State	Number of Active Gins		Average Weight Per Running Baled Ginned		Rank by Running Bales Produced	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Number		Pounds		Rank	
Adam	0	0	0.0	0.0	323	261
Alcorn	0	0	0.0	0.0	440	455
Attala	0	0	0.0	0.0	326	355
Benton	1	1	491.0	491.0	369	384
Bolivar	8	8	490.3	487.6	31	29
Calhoun	3	3	491.8	491.8	143	181
Carroll	2	2	491.9	497.8	164	81
Chickasaw	0	0	0.0	0.0	356	334
Choctaw	0	0	0.0	0.0	476	494
Claiborne	0	0	0.0	0.0	296	296
Clay	0	0	0.0	0.0	465	456
Coahoma	6	7	486.6	489.4	18	24
Copiah	0	0	0.0	0.0	466	509
Covington	0	0	0.0	0.0	470	482
Desoto	2	2	486.5	488.5	235	232
Forrest	0	0	0.0	0.0	378	---
George	0	0	0.0	0.0	338	400
Greene	0	0	0.0	0.0	547	---
Grenada	0	0	0.0	0.0	254	267
Hinds	1	1	485.0	490.0	251	223
Holmes	3	3	492.6	493.4	58	50
Humphreys	3	3	485.7	485.0	56	46
Issaquena	0	0	0.0	0.0	180	168
Itawamba	0	0	0.0	0.0	564	391
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0.0	533	321
Jefferson	1	1	500.0	500.0	455	360
Jones	0	0	0.0	0.0	585	529
Lafayette	1	1	490.	486.0	337	341
Lamar	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	418
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0.0	502	517
Leake	0	0	0.0	0.0	501	505
Lee	1	1	500.0	500.0	187	284
Leflore	9	9	498.8	497.4	36	25
Lowndes	0	0	0.0	0.0	315	352
Madison	1	1	490.0	492.4	268	244
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0.0	429	442
Monroe	2	2	496.1	496.7	271	311
Montgomery	1	1	490.0	489.0	246	248
Newton	0	0	0.0	0.0	552	---
Noxubee	0	0	0.0	0.0	275	310
Oktibbeha	0	0	0.0	0.0	561	---
Panola	4	3	498.1	494.0	94	116
Perry	0	0	0.0	0.0	548	---
Pontotoc	1	1	482.0	480.0	364	369
Prentiss	0	0	0.0	0.0	512	337

**Mississippi Number of Active Gins, Average Bale Weight, and Rank by
County in US, Crop Years 2005-2006—Cont.**

County and State	Number of Active Gins		Average Weight Per Running Baled Ginned		Rank by Running Bales Produced	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Number		Pounds		Rank	
Quitman	3	3	487.3	491.3	101	87
Rankin	1	0	486.0	0.0	367	385
Scott	0	0	0.0	0.0	527	506
Sharkey	5	5	491.6	492.7	74	78
Sunflower	6	6	487.2	490.3	52	36
Tallahatchie	4	4	491.6	488.4	68	63
Tate	0	0	0.0	0.0	261	240
Tippah	0	0	0.0	0.0	376	388
Tishomingo	0	0	0.0	0.0	450	459
Tunica	5	3	491.0	491.1	44	47
Union	0	0	0.0	0.0	478	411
Warren	1	1	485.6	487.0	217	194
Washington	8	8	490.4	494.4	22	18
Wayne	0	0	0.0	0.0	553	---
Webster	1	1	486.0	486.0	222	236
Yalobusha	1	1	492.0	489.4	239	281
Yazoo	7	7	494.5	495.7	47	49
Mississippi	92	89	491.2	491.9		

--- No running bales produced.

Farm-Raised Catfish Processed, United States, Monthly, 2005-2007



Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, May 2007 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	May 2006 Entire Month		April 2007 Entire Month		May 2007 Mid Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.17	---	3.39	---	3.48
Cotton, Upland	lb	.455	.464	.468	.473	.461 ¹	.452 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	4.01	---	5.96	---	5.78
Soybeans	bu	5.82	5.68	7.08	6.88	7.27	7.15
Winter Wheat	bu	---	4.06	---	4.87	---	4.58
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	8.03	---	9.94	---	10.00
All Milk	cwt	---	11.90	---	16.60	---	17.80
Fluid	cwt	---	11.90	---	16.60	---	17.80
Manufacturing	cwt	---	11.30	---	15.90	---	17.20
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	82.20	---	94.30	---	93.50
Cows	cwt	---	47.40	---	49.20	---	51.60
Calves	cwt	---	134.00	---	127.00	---	126.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	86.30	---	99.90	---	98.60
All Hogs	cwt	---	48.20	---	47.30	---	52.00
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	48.90	---	48.10	---	52.80
Sows	cwt	---	30.10	---	27.90	---	32.60
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.350	---	.500	---	.510
Market Eggs	doz	.240 ²	.222 ²	.580 ²	.558 ²	.620	.615

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.² Mid-month